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Sri P. S. KRISHNASWAMY AYYANGAR : Sir, was there an estimate prepared for Rs. one lakh odd and if so, is that estimate available?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : Yes, Sir, an estimate was prepared for Rs. one lakh and odd, but the revised estimate is for the amount I have given.

Sri G. GOVINDAN : ராமனாதபுரம் ஜில்லாவிலுள்ள இனாம், சத்திரம், தேவஸ்தானம் இவைகளுக்குச் சொந்தமான நிலங்களிலுள்ள கண்மாய்கள் வெட்டப்படாமல் இருப்பதால், விவசாயிகள் கஷ்டப்படுகிறார்கள். சர்க்கார் இவைகளை எடுத்து வெட்டி, பிறகு நிலச்சுவான்தார்களிடமிருந்து ரூபாயை வசூல் செய்ய ஏற்பாடு செய்வார்களா ?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : இப்பொழுது புயலால் பாதிக்கப்பட்ட பிரதேசங்களில் மராமத்துக்காக சுமார் இரண்டு கோடி ரூபாய் கொடுக்கப்பட்டு வேலை நடந்துகொண்டுவருகிறது. முதலிலே இந்த வேலை முடியட்டும், பிற்பாடு கனம் அங்கத்தினர் சொல்லியதையும் கவனிக்கலாம்.

Sri P. S. KRISHNASWAMY AYYANGAR : Sir, may I know whether the original estimate prepared for Rs. one lakh odd is found in the records and if it is missing, will the Government direct an enquiry into the matter and punish the culprits found to be guilty of clandestine removal of it from the file?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, the original estimate for Rs. one lakh odd provided for improvements to the tank, its supply channel, construction of head sluice outlet, syphon acqueducts to each of the four sluices of Kattikulam and reconstruction of Tuthikulam under-tunnel, whereas the revised estimate provided for general repairs to the tank only. The Superintending Engineer has requested the Executive Engineer to complete this work expeditiously before the rains set in.

Sri S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM : Sir, the question put by the hon. Member Sri P. S. Krishnaswami Ayyangar is whether a particular estimate prepared by the Government is among the records or not. The inference arising out of the question seems to be that it may be missing. May I know whether the original estimate is available or not?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, whether it is missing or not, the information is available. I have already stated that the original estimate was for rupees one lakh and odd, but we now want to have the work done expeditiously. The original estimate provided for so many aspects of the work like improvements to the tank, its supply channel, etc. which I have already narrated.

Artificial rain

* 284-A Q.—Sri N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to clause (b) of the starred question No. 2645 on 30th September 1955, the details of the Report of the Committee constituted for reviewing the experiments for producing artificial rain?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : A note [a] containing information relating to the experiments on artificial rain making conducted in the Madras State and the conclusions of the Reviewing Committee appointed by the Government for the purpose is placed on the table of the House.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Sir, may I know whether the Government will take necessary steps to produce artificial rain in the State wherever necessary on the basis of the experience gained by them?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, the experiments have not yet been proved to be completely successful and if they prove successful, then the Government can take necessary action to produce rains wherever they are needed.

SRI A. M. RATHNASWAMY : Sir, is it a fact that very often it so happens that the places where rain is required are not actually benefited by this method, but, on the other hand, places where rain is not needed and where there is plenty of rain are inundated and floods also become inevitable thereby?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : That may be the observation of the hon. Member but I have stated that the experiments have not been concluded. Therefore, I cannot draw any inference.

SRI S. PANCHAKSHARAM : Sir, the Government of India have also been conducting such experiments. Have this Government received any report over the success or otherwise of such experiments conducted by the Government of India?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : This Government have not received any specific recommendations or proposals for observation from the Government of India. This Government are making their own experiments.

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : The last sentence in the paper placed on the table of the House reads thus : ' The present position however is that artificial rain-making is successful under certain favourable conditions '. Therefore I fail to understand why the Hon. Minister says that the experiments are not successful. May I know under what favourable circumstances is artificial rain possible? 10 a.m.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : We are interested in having artificial rain irrespective of whether the circumstances are favourable or not. Even if the circumstances are unfavourable, we must take steps to produce artificial rain. I only meant that we had not got sufficiently successful results from the experiments.

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 593–594 infra.

Sri N. K. PALANISAMY : In the United States of America, artificial rain is produced very successfully. There is even a separate ministry constituted for the purpose of looking after this. Will our Government send a representative to the United States of America to get expert advice?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Constitution of a separate ministry does not mean that experiments in artificial rain have been conducted successfully. If experiments have been successful, I do not think it is necessary to create a separate ministry for the purpose. I do not know what information the hon. Member has about what is happening in the United States of America. This Government have no information about the successful conduct of experiments not only in the United States of America but in any part of the world.

Sri K. G. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER : கோயம்புத்தூர் ஜில்லாவில் தாராபுரம், பல்லடம் தாலூகாக்கள் பஞ்சத்தால் பாதிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. இங்கு இயற்கை மழை பெய்வதற்கு சர்க்கார் ஏற்பாடு செய்யுமா ?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : நாம் செய்கிற பரீட்சை வெற்றிகரமாக ஆகுமோ ஆகாதோ என்பது இன்னும் தெரியவில்லை. அப்படி வெற்றிகரமாக இருந்தால் தாராபுரம், பல்லடம் தாலூகாக்கள் மட்டுமல்ல, எல்லா இடங்களிலும் அதைச்செய்யலாம். அம்மாதிரி செய்யக் கூடிய பரீட்சை இன்னும் பூர்த்தியடையவில்லை.

Service regularisation of basic training school teachers, Malabar

* 284-B *Q.*—Sri K. MADHAVA NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have regularised the services of all the teachers in the basic training schools in the Malabar district;

(*b*) if not, the number of such teachers whose services still remain to be regularised; and

(*c*) the reasons for not regularising their services yet?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Two school Assistants.

(*c*) The question of regularising the services of all school assistants employed in the basic schools in the State is being considered by the Director of Public Instruction.

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Government kindly take immediate steps to regularise the services of those employees of the Education Department appointed under Rule 10 (*a*) (i), who have more than ten years service to their credit, and make them permanent so that they may get increment and other benefits which the permanent employees enjoy?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : It is under the consideration of the Director of Public Instruction.